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Casting About

According to the movie ads ... Clark Gable has a new job ... he is generating steam with Lana Turner ... what with coal miners on strike ... and oil being so high ... not a bad way of getting power ... presumably the picture is shown only in air-conditioned theatres ... of course most of us will have to burn wood or coal this winter ... having Gable and Turner around all winter ... generating steam ... would get expensive ... and a little monotonous too ... no mention was made whether Gable is a second-class fireman ... perhaps just an aging first class lover ... the idea of the steamboat belongs to Jonathan Hulls (1736) ... Gable-Turner type steam is relatively new in the field ... the first steamboat had 12 vertical paddles ... Gable has a mustache ... and an obstruction in the nose ... also Lana Turner ... Gable has his troubles ... he got out of the service ... and Garson had "im ... now he has to make steam for a living ... the steam tug "Charlotte Dundas" was set on fire in 1832 ... Fulton's "Clermont" went from New York to Albany in 32 hours ... steam engines were known of in 150 B.C. ... since

then many men ... have invented engines for steam ... It took Hollywood and M G M a couple of weeks ... the 1832 steamboat was destroyed by workmen ... they foresaw competition ... no mention was made recently if the engineers and firemen ... sought to do away with Clark Gable ... for generating steam without a license ... with Lana Turner too ... they should give buckets away at the movies ... then you could take home a bucket of Gable-Turner steam ... the picture can't be too good ... It probably goes up in a cloud of steam in the first reel anyway ... the picture will probably go to England ... the ads will read ... "Come and see Gable and Turner make the gas into which water is changed by boiling" ... of course they could shorten it ... "Gable-Turner in Steam" ... for that matter they could have shortened it here too ... "Gable-Turner in Pitt" ... but then where would the world be unless Gable and Turner were around making steam ... Where? ... maybe ... who can tell ...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 4,
Fortnightly Food Sale at Alexander Hall.
"Sadie Hawkins" Dance. Union Hall. 8 p. m.
- June 6,
Baseball. South Deerfield at Northfield. 2:30 p. m.
- June 7,
Garden Club. Town Hall. 8 p. m.
Allen H. Wood, speaker. Public is invited.
Unitarian Parish committee meeting at 8 p. m. Home of Mrs. T. H. Parker.
- June 8,
Baseball. Shelburne Falls at Northfield. 6:30 p. m.
Glee Club concert. Town Hall. 8 p. m.
- June 10,
Unitarian Women's Alliance meeting. Mrs. Nelson Carter, district director, speaker.
- June 13,
Northfield High School Baccalaureate Service in the Congregational Church.
- June 15,
Annual meeting of the Alexander Hall committee at 2 p. m. All women of the town are invited.
- June 16-23,
Northfield Girl's conference.
- June 20,
Father's Day.
- June 23,
All three act play, "Spring is Here" at the Town Hall.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM OF EVENTS FOR NORTHFIELD SCHOOLS SENIORS

Commencement activities at the Northfield Schools began Thursday evening with the Mt. Hermon senior banquet at the Hotel Wel-

don, and will continue through the week end. The concluding events will be the commencement exercises Monday morning, when 189 girls and 153 boys receive their diplomas.

Brattleboro Summer Theatre Opens July 13

The Brattleboro Summer Theatre is returning on July 13th to open its ninth season in Brattleboro, its third in the Town Hall Auditorium. A new play will be offered each week for seven weeks commencing the 13th of July and ending the 28th of August. Productions start on Tuesday evening of each week and run through Saturday evening excepting during the two weeks when stars will appear with the company, when they will open on Monday.

Currently a Subscription Campaign is being held until the 15th of June. During these two weeks you may obtain a subscription for all seven plays for a total cost of \$8.40, including tax. This is an average of \$1.20 per play and is a saving to you of 40% or \$5.40. If tickets are purchased individually for each play, they will be \$2.40 for each of the two star plays and \$1.80 for each of the resident company productions.

Among the members of the resident company who may be familiar to audiences of former years, are Mary and Harry Young, Nancy Cushman, Anna Minot, Bert Whitley and Pitt Herbert. They are returning to Brattleboro after a winter season on Broadway and on the road.

Following their usual custom, the theatre will offer light and entertaining comedies for the most part. Five of the following plays will be done by the resident company: "Personal Appearance," "Charley's Aunt," "My Sister Ellen," "John Loves Mary," "The Milky Way," "Quacking the Cuckoo," "Morning at Seven."

Among the stars being considered for guest appearances are John Carradine, Lois Wilson and Eddie Nugent, Bela Lugosi.

Subscriptions in Northfield may be obtained through Mr. Edward Powell, Jr., Main street, East Northfield, telephone 584. Buy your subscription now, before the 15th of June, and assure yourself of good laughs and excellent entertainment by a professional company of actors.

Town Topics

Mrs. Stella E. Chamberlain of Meriden, Conn., has arrived to spend the summer at her cottage on Rustic Ridge.

The Mt. Hermon program is as follows: Saturday afternoon at 3 a. baseball game with Deerfield Academy; Sunday at 10:30 a. m. the annual baccalaureate sermon by Headmaster Howard L. Ruben-dall; 3 p. m. class day exercises on West Hall lawn; 4:50-5:30 p. m. faculty reception on Ford Cottage lawn; and at 8:30 p. m. a recital given by the Music Department. Monday morning at 10:30 the commencement exercises will be held in Memorial Chapel.

Town Dump Now Ready Selectmen Urge Use

Ernest A. Parker, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, has announced that work has been completed on the town dump. It is located in back, or west, of George O. Dunne's coal sheds, by the railroad tracks, at the end of Parker avenue.

The dump will be under the supervision of the Board of Health, and Parker has asked all townspeople to cooperate and use this dumping area instead of disposing of their refuse and rubbish at random.

The town will maintain the dump and no fires are to be started by persons using the dump.

Morgan Sells Store Aldrich New Owner

Melvyn A. Morgan, and his wife Helen, who for the past three and a half years have operated the IGA store on Main street, have sold the store to an Amherst man, Mark B. Aldrich. The new owner took over June 1.

Morgan, upon giving up the store remarked, "I am grateful for the wonderful support and patronage we have had from the town, and cannot say enough to the many fine friends we have made during our tenure at the store. Both of us hope that the new owner, Mr. Aldrich, will receive similar support from all our old friends."

Mr. Aldrich, who has a wife and two children, has operated a small store in Pelham for the past ten years, and now resides in Amherst, but hopes to move his family to Northfield as soon as housing is available.

The same help, R. A. Dumbreck, Sidney Given, Jr., and Stanley Scripture will remain with the new owner. The hours will remain the same and delivery service will be maintained. Mr. Morgan and family will spend the summer at Ogunquit, Maine, but revealed no further plans.

Wins High Honors

Charles Clark, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Clark, of Oneonta, New York, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sutherland of Northfield, won the 1948 Oneonta Science Congress grand prize, representing a \$1,400 tuition scholarship to Hartwick College, Oneonta, N. Y. The award was presented by the International Business Machines Co. Edward, his brother, now a freshman at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., won a \$1,200 scholarship last year.

Mrs. Isobel Clark, mother of the boy, is a vocational counselor with the Oneonta office of the New York State Employment service. She is working the two months' old occupational analysis division for high school graduates. This newly organized group for the benefit of graduating high school students has received high praise from New York State officials.

West Northfield

The quarterly business meeting of the Advent Christian Church will be held June 8 at 7:45 p. m. A report of the finance committee will be given and several items of business regarding improvements to the church property will be considered. It is important that there should be good attendance.

"GIGANTIC CRUSADE" ASKED FOR BY FITZGERALD AT MEMORIAL SERVICES

"Will we go from war to war, killing and maiming, and destroying? Has the world become so debauched that there is no answer to the prayers for those who pray for peace? Have we nothing better to offer the present and future generations? Has God permitted us to unlock his last great treasure house and given us the secrets of atomic and cosmic energy, only to use them to kill and destroy? The answer is clear. We have not lost faith. There must be a great moral and spiritual awakening in the hearts and souls of men. There must be a gigantic crusade guided by faith in God and inspired

by the eternal principals of the Golden Rule and Christ's Sermon on the Mount."

With these words Atty. Benedict F. Fitzgerald of Greenfield sounded the keynote of the Memorial Day observance in Northfield, as threatening rain clouds hovered low overhead.

Following the decoration of the tablet in Alexander Memorial Hall, the parade moved to Center Cemetery, where Rev. Lester White gave the memorial prayer followed by a recitation of the Gettysburg Address by Edward Parsons.

Former Navy Lt.-Cmdr. Fitzgerald the orator of the day, in vibrant strong tones called upon the "younger men and women of Northfield in this hour of reflection" when they thought "of the spirits of the eight young men who died from this area in the last debacle" to join together — "to stop this march of death," so that they can say truthfully, "those that did not come back to Northfield, in the past, may they rest in peace, they have not died in vain."

Following the address, local school children decorated the graves, the firing squad fired a "Salute to the Dead" with the bugler playing taps, and music by the 75 piece Orange High School Band.

The procession marched back to the town hall, where World War I Honor Roll was decorated and the band played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Refreshments were served to the band, and guests, in the town hall by the Auxiliary of the Haven H. Spencer Post.

Members of the Memorial Day Committee, from the Haven H. Spencer Post, were: Edward Hurley, chairman, Thomas Hurley, Harold Bigelow, William Marshall, Edward M. Powell, Jr., and Edgar H. Spencer.

Members of the Home Squad, under George McQuinn were: Alvin Porter, Dr. Richard Holton, Thomas Hurley, George Marshall, Orlando Finch, Norman Bolton, Emory Rikert and Harold Bigelow, Jr.

1949 Ford Previewed by Dealers in N. Y. city

The All-New 1949 Ford Car was shown for the first time to more than 1000 Ford dealers from the northeastern part of the country at a regional sales meeting and preview showing held Saturday, May 22, in New York City's Waldorf Astoria. Ross L. Spencer, president of the Spencer Bros., disclosed this week.

In commenting on the preview, Mr. Spencer said that it was held in strict secrecy and under conditions "reminiscent of war-time security." All details must remain confidential until the public introduction, June 10, and the local introduction, June 18.

The 1949 line of Ford passenger automobiles represents more than \$110,000,000 in new equipment, tools, dies, etc. and involved more than 1,000,000 miles of actual road operation.

Henry Ford II, President of the Ford Motor Company, in a special message to the dealer group declared, "There is only one feature — one outstanding feature — in the 1949 line that is not new. It is a feature that was built into today's car by my grandfather. We might call that feature the traditional Ford philosophy of giving the public the highest quality at the lowest possible price. That's what makes it a Ford."

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THIS ATOMIC AGE

Through the courtesy of a reader, the PRESS has received a great deal of literature on atomic energy from the "Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists." However, the Committee is puzzled as to what we plan to do with this material.

We were puzzled too, because the scope, and limitations of space in the PRESS do not permit intensive study of the subject. In trying to reach some solution we chanced upon a "guest editorial" by David E. Lillenthal, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, in the American Press magazine. His excellent article is an answer and a challenge to all those who live in fear and trembling of the atomic age.

When you hear or read the words "Atomic Energy" and immediately think of the "Atomic Bomb," you are indulging in dangerous thinking. Mr. Lillenthal says, "It is dangerous because it has just about succeeded in establishing a myth: that atomic energy is useful only in weapons; that talk about peaceful uses is hopeless. Nothing could be further from the truth... by learning how to release the energy of the nucleus we have opened a new world of knowledge of forces that are at the foundation of all things; knowledge that applied for beneficial purposes, may open the door to great progress, not slam it on men's hopes."

We can expect new discoveries: in the causes and curing of many diseases; in how plants and animals grow for greater food production; in mechanical power, and many other inventions to improve our living conditions. There are unlimited possibilities for good as well as for evil.

So, why this preoccupation with death and destruction? Why this fear of atomic weapons? Instead of indulging in negative thinking, "Stop atomic warfare," we should aspire to positive thinking: to build a better world community of nations because we have faith and believe in mankind, and not because we fear destruction.

We believe with Chairman Lillenthal that "...the strength of America is in the spirit of this nation, in the faith we cherish."

"We are people with a faith in each other — and when we lose that faith we are weak, however heavily we are armed. We are a people with a faith in reason, and a devotion to the unending pursuit of new knowledge; and when we lose that devotion we are not secure, however heavily armed. We are a people with a faith in God, with a deep sense of stewardship to our Creator, the Father of us all; and when that is no longer strong within us we are weak and we are lost, however heavily armed with weapons — even atomic weapons — we may be."

"Such a faith can grow only if the stifling myth that atomic energy is simply a military weapon gives way to knowledge."

Town Topics

Miss June Browning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer F. Browning, of the Farms was graduated this week from Gordon College in Boston. Her parents and sister Elizabeth, attended the commencement.

"SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer — the name will not be used if you so desire.)

Bouquet

Editor, The Northfield Press, Northfield, Mass.

With much interest, I have watched the rebirth of the Northfield Press.

Some of your new features have caused favorable comment and by an excellent coverage of significant local events and the sponsoring of such worthy matters as a Public Forum you have earned the commendation and support of the whole community.

To the words in the box on your masthead, "The greatest single civic asset of a community is the integrity of its newspaper" might well be added — and the chief concern of a newspaper is service to the community.

With that aim ever in mind, the continued growth of the Press and the support of the public should be assured.

Subscriber

THIS IS FOR LISTENING

The following short essay is from the magazine, "Driftwood," reprinted here by permission of the author, Sylvia H. Bliss.

MOONLIGHT AND DAWN

Waking from deep sleep, who can tell one from the other? Gray light of dawn from gray light of waning moon? The earth is without color. No tree is green, no flower crimson, blue or pink. A stronger light is needed, not to disclose but to create tints, for color requires the seeing eye and light.

The tide turns. Long before its appearing the sun sends forth its emissary of light. There is a moment when light from west and light from east are equal. Then steadily moonlight is surpassed by the slow crescendo of the dawn. Moonlight, cold, lying lightly on the surface of the earth, is step by step replaced by the light which penetrates and warms. The whisp-oor-will sounds its last breathless monologue. The cock paws forth his sonorous, triumphant song, unchanged, perhaps not even modified from the wild cry of his ancestors, in the jungles of Java.

Bird voices follow the cock's cry, robin, thrush and sparrow in joyful chorus. The flowers in growing light turn purple, gold and crimson, and when the sun blazes forth above the eastern hills the long gamut of green from pale to dark, and the moon hangs pale and impotent, shorn of even its reflected glory by the advent of its mighty source.

The strong enveloping light of day seems primordial, inherent, self-luminous, yet the background is blackness. The universe is dark with scattered suns and stars emitting light. When suns and stars at last fall will light dawn, undeviated and eternal?

Whence will come light?

Katherine Moody Wins Honor

Miss Katherine Moody of Northfield, Junior at Vassar, has been awarded an assistantship to the Mount Holyoke college institute on the United Nations. These honors have been extended to 26 young men and women from 20 United States and Canadian universities. The four-week session will be from June 20 to July 17.

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At a time when education and teachers, their work and their rewards, are a question of paramount importance and of nation-wide interest, there comes to our attention the book "Unseen Harvests a Treasury of Teaching," edited by Claude M. Fuess and Emory S. Basford. Here is an anthology of writings on the art of teaching, written by masters in the field of pedagogy and by some who are not masters but who have understood the trials and tribulations of the classroom down the ages. We have here words of wisdom and words of wit by such varied authors as Quintilian, Dante, Alighieri, Alexis de Toquville, Thomas Carlyle, Jean Jacques, Rousseau, William Lyon Phelps, William Allen White, Oliver Wendell Holmes; to single out but a very few from this truly fascinating and thorough volume.

There is a chapter called "How the Wise Man Taught His Son," from "The Babees' Book: Medieval Manners for the Young," and "How the Good Wife Taught Her Daughter," from the same; another "Four Characteristics of the Successful Teacher," by George Herbert Palmer, "The Social Values of the College-Bred," from William James. These titles give an idea

of the immensity and the scope of subject matter in "Unseen Harvests." There are poets as well as novelists who have their say about teachers and systems of learning.

According to the jacket review "Every teacher will find diversion in this highly entertaining collection of stories, poems and opinions and every American will enjoy dipping into these pages and remembering with pleasure and pain his own class-room days."

We particularly liked the following quotation from Erasmus, "I admit that your vocation is laborious, but I utterly deny that it is tragic or deplorable, as you call it. To be a school-master is next to being a king. Do you count it a mean employment to imbue the minds of your fellow-citizens in their earliest years with the best literature and with the love of Christ, and to return them to their country honest and virtuous men? In the opinions of fools it is a humble task, but in fact it is the noblest of occupations, even among the Heathen it was always a noble thing to deserve well of the State, and no one serves it better than the moulders of raw boys."

B. H. B.

COLONIAL CHRONICLES

History in the Making in Northfield
NUMBER SEVENTEEN IN THE SERIES
Prepared by the Northfield Historical Society

By midsummer 1688, a small band of Indians from north of Lake Champlain, encouraged by the French, and acquainted with the valley settlements, for they had formerly lived here, were known to have proceeded down the valley with no good intent. As a consequence, five friendly Indians were murdered at Spectacle Pond in Springfield; and shortly several were killed near Northfield's north fort. Their bodies evidently were buried on the spot and not all their names have been preserved. This event caused several families to move back to their former homes, leaving the few left with far less protection. By 1690, after five years in Northfield in this second settlement, the government had the settlers abandon their homes again.

Briefly they had a minister in their midst; however, they were in such meager circumstances that it was some time before Rev. Warham Mather got his half year's pay. In fact, the General Court granted it to him in 1700. His name suggests his relation to Rev. John Warham, the first minister of Windsor, Conn., to Jonathan Edwards's mother of Northampton, and to the wife of Rev. John Williams of Deerfield on the Warham side; and to the Boston family of ministers, Rev. Richard, Rev. Increase who was President of Harvard College, and Rev. Cotton who was the prolific writer, being grandfather, father and son. The first Northampton minister was Rev. Eleazer Mather, son of Rev. Richard. He married the daughter of Rev. John Warham, and died

young, so that his widow became the wife of Northampton's third minister Rev. Solomon Stoddard. The latter were the grandparents of Rev. Jonathan Edwards, the renowned religious leader of his day. Mrs. John Williams, wife of the Deerfield minister, was daughter of Northampton's first minister. We may guess Northfield's first minister may have been a young Harvard graduate, still unmarried, and son of Northampton's minister. Since the next event in the valley occurred at Deerfield February 29, 1704 and centers around the minister and his family and townfolk, it is well to note this Williams name. As a matter of fact, in most any town of this period, the minister was the leader as never of later years. After all, Massachusetts was a theocracy with church and state legally one until the 1680's and even for 140 years more or less thereafter, town taxes continued to support the town minister. In government in the 1700's the clergy were all influential. This meant that the minister was given more respect and held a position of great dignity. More than that, he was one of the rather few inhabitants of college education. From an historic point of view, it was the minister, more likely than not, who wrote letters to the General Court, the government in Boston; and it was the minister who left a written record of the wars, as well as leaving in his diary or in church records the vital statistics of births, marriages and deaths.

(To be continued)

Graduates Represent Twenty-seven States Ten Foreign Countries

Diplomas will be granted to 342 graduates from twenty-seven states and from ten foreign countries as far away as Iran at the Northfield Schools' 56th Commencement on June 7. The ceremony at Northfield School for Girls will be held in the famous Northfield Auditorium and the graduating class of 189 will hear Rev. Dr. Edwin O. Kennedy, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Englewood, N. J., deliver the address. The speaker at the Mount Hermon School exercises in Memorial Chapel, at which 163 boys will be graduated, will be Dr. Richard M. Gummere, chairman of the Committee on Admissions at Harvard University.

The heads of the two schools, Dr. Mira B. Wilson at Northfield and Dr. Howard L. Rubensall of Mount Hermon will deliver their annual Baccalaureate addresses on Sunday. Students of both schools will collaborate Saturday night in a presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "H. M. S. Pinafore," in the Auditorium.

Town Topics

The pupils of the Pond School of South Vernon enjoyed a picnic on Houghton Hill, the home of Mrs. Major Houghton this week

Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Field, Jr., of this town will entertain the members of the Exchange Club of Greenfield with their wives at their estate on Monday, June 7.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ekins of Belmont were at their cottage "Kenjockey" in East Northfield over last week to get it in readiness for summer use. Miss Josephine Moody has returned from her stay in Florida last winter and has reopened her cottage on Woodruff Way on the Ridge.

The Boy Scout Troop of Northfield, accompanied by Scout Master Norton Field and Edgar J. Livingston, went on a hike and "cook out" last Monday. The scouts taking part were: Daniel Moran, Richard and Robert Whitney, William Barnes, Donald Zabala, Leonard Stebbins, Richard Ricket, James Livingston, James Gillespie, Dean Langhear, Robert Doney, William Potter, Richard Lombard, Arnold and Stanley Howe.

The Board of Selectmen has received the resignation of Mrs. John Hurley as Town Nurse, effective August 1, 1943.

A surprise shower was given Miss Helen Andrew in honor of her intended marriage to Charles Hamilton of Heath. A party was held at the Orange Hall last week. The wedding will take place June 5 at Northfield.

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Thurs. - Sat. June 3 - 5
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Tuesday June 8
"UNFINISHED DANCE"

Wed. - Thurs. June 9 - 10
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Saturday night the school's musical organizations will join with those of the Northfield School for Girls in presenting Gilbert and Sullivan's "H. M. S. Pinafore" in the Northfield Auditorium.

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Northfield High School News

Commencement exercises of the Northfield High School will get under way on Saturday, June 12, when the seniors will have a picnic at Look Park in Northampton. The juniors will accompany the seniors and Class Day exercises will be conducted as part of the program.

The Class Will has been prepared by Edwin Stevens and Helen Mitchell; the Class History by Julia Ladzinski and Ralph Lyons; the Class Prophecy by Barbara Bolton and Philip Walsh. The Class Song has been prepared by Marlon Avery and Blanche Duda while the Class Gifts will be presented by Allan Davis and Lourene Lyons. Doris Doolittle and James Gingras and Fred Luciw are in charge of the Class Motto.

Ruth Holton, Philip Walsh and Blanche Duda are in charge of arrangements for the picnic. David Quilan, president of the class, is ex-officio member of all committees.

On Sunday, June 13, the seniors will attend a Baccalaureate Service at the Trinitarian Congregational Church.

On Thursday evening, June 17, Graduation Exercises will be held in the Town Hall at 8 p. m. David Quilan will present an address of welcome. The Salutatorian address will be given by Miss Blanche Duda, a member of the Pro-Merito Society, who lives with her uncle, Edward Boliski, on the Old Farms road. The Valedictorian address will be given by Miss Ruth Holton, also a member of the Pro-Merito Society. Ruth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holton of West Northfield. Songs will be presented by the Glee Club. The presentation of awards will be made by Principal George M. Leonard with the diplomas being awarded by Supt. Robert N. Taylor. Some of the features of Class Day will be presented as part of the graduation program.

In the paper drive recently conducted by the Boy Scouts and pupils of N. H. S. to raise funds for

the purchase of baseball uniforms, nearly six tons of paper were collected, and as a result five baseball uniforms have been ordered. Standardized tests will be given at Northfield High School all next week with final exams slated for the last week of school.

A debate was conducted Friday between members of the Junior English class and the senior Problems of Democracy class on the topic "Resolved that the United States Should Adopt the National Health Insurance Plan." Barbara Bolton acted as chairman while members of the affirmative side from the Junior Class were Albert Clough, Vera Allen, and Joseph Dittman; the negative side was composed of Marlon Avery, Philip Walsh and Ruth Holton. The judges declared the debate a draw.

The Glee Club concert scheduled for this Friday night has been postponed until next Tuesday, June 8, at 8 p. m. in the Town Hall. Tickets will be on sale by members of the Glee Club.

A. Y. H.

Over 800 young people have registered for travel to Europe with A. Y. H., either as members of sponsored groups or as individuals. A. Y. H. had planned to send all these people on the four student ships made available by the State Department. However, due to the tremendous number of applications, a drastic revision of priorities was made, the A. Y. H. was cut close to 65%. As soon as the cut was announced, Monroe Smith, Executive director of A. Y. H., contacted all steamship lines and scheduled air lines for passage to Europe without success. Finally, the successful negotiations were concluded with the Transocean Air Lines, a chartered air service. Youth Argosy, Incorporated has been established to handle bookings for all A. Y. H. groups and also for individuals who wish to travel abroad this summer.

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Many Local Girls Among Graduates

Portia M. Chamberlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Chamberlin; Bette Franz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albin E. Franz; Anne B. Livingston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston; Mary E. Mosse, daughter of Mrs. Alice A. Mosse; Nina L. Pearsall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearsall; Alice M. Taber, daughter of Mr. Leon T. Taber; Betty Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Taylor are among the candidates for graduation from the Northfield School for Girls at the 65th Commencement Monday. The Rev. Dr. Edwin O. Kennedy of the First Presbyterian Church of Englewood, N. J., will deliver the address and Dr. Mira B. Wilson, principal of the school, will award diplomas to the 189 graduates.

Commencement activities, which will occupy the entire week end, will include the Saturday evening performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "H. M. S. Pinafore," given by the students of Northfield and Mt. Hermon Schools.

Dr. Park at Milton For Commencement

Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, gave the Commencement address at the State Teachers College in North Adams Wednesday night, June 2, and on June 4, he was guest speaker at the Commencement dinner of Gov. Dummer Academy in South Byfield, Mass. Dr. Park will preach the last chapel service of the year at Milton Academy in Milton, Mass., on Sunday evening, June 6, and the next morning he will be the Commencement speaker at the graduation exercises of Simmons College which are being held in Symphony Hall in Boston.

Dr. Howard L. Rubendall, headmaster of Mt. Hermon School, will deliver the Commencement address at the Albany Academy for Girls Tuesday, June 8.

Joseph Bilmon, Jr. for Boys' State Program

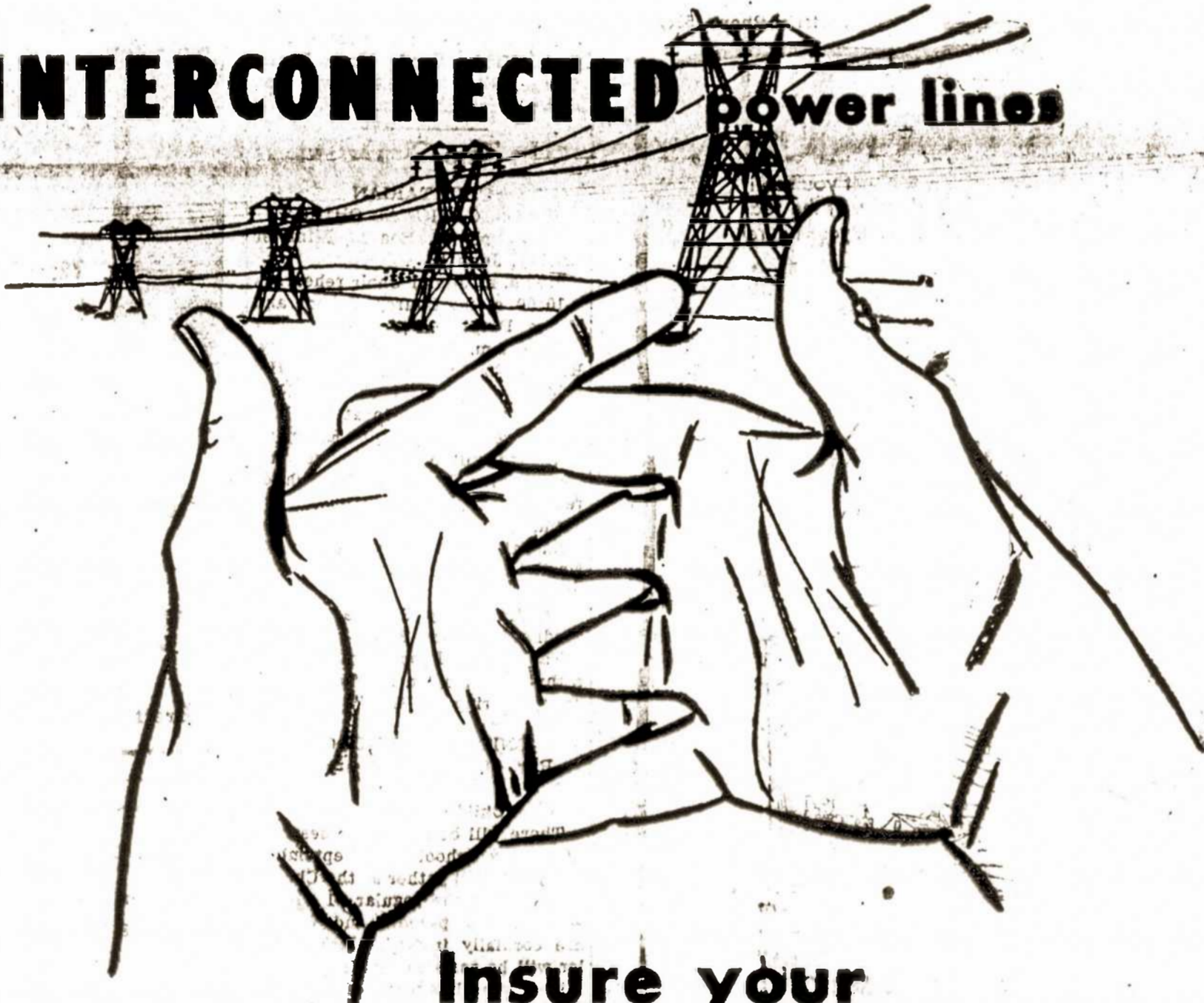
Joseph Bilmon, Jr., a member of the junior class at Northfield High School, has been chosen to attend the Boys' State Program at the University of Mass., at Amherst, from June 22nd to July 1st.

This program is under the direction of the American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, and is sponsored locally by the Haven H. Spencer Post.

More than 260 Posts in Massachusetts are sending 475 boys to Amherst for the week's program, which is complete in every detail, with distinguished speakers for every evening assembly and a well-rounded program of entertainment for the boys which includes Moving Pictures, Professional talent and entertainment by the boys themselves and their own band.

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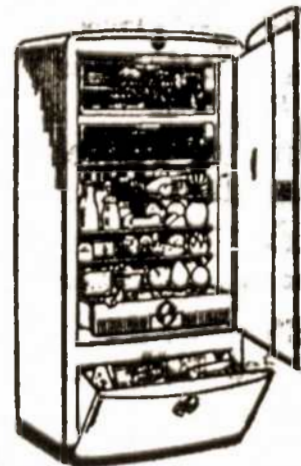
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In Brattleboro Memorial hospital, May 30, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harris of Bernardston; granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rikert of Northfield and Mrs. Laurie Harris of Bernardston.

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Obituaries

WILLIAM MOORE STONE
William Moore Stone, 75, of South Vernon, died early Sunday morning at the home of Mrs. Etta Skillings, where he had lived the past six and one half years. He was born August 16, 1872, the oldest son of Calvin J. and Electa (Alexander) Stone.

He married Selma Marshall August 25, 1898. She died January 3, 1938.
He leaves three sisters, Mrs. Ada Shine of Concord, N. H., Mrs. Anna Willey of Northfield, and Mrs. Mabel Dodge of Shelburne Falls. A sister, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, and a brother, Fred E. Stone, died several years ago. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Kidders Funeral Parlor in Northfield. Burial was in Tyler cemetery, South Vernon.

EDITH COURTNEY BABBITT
Miss Edith Courtney Babbitt, 74, died suddenly at her summer home on Rustic Ridge, East Northfield, May 31, 1948.

Miss Babbitt was born in Beloit, Wisconsin and attended school at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota. She taught French and Spanish for many years at Cleveland High School, St. Louis, Missouri.

She maintained a summer cottage on the Ridge for many years, and was an occasional contributor to the Press.

Relatives here for the services include her brother, Ralph Babbitt of Livingston, Montana; a niece, Margaret Stevens of Sprague, Washington; a nephew, Clinton Ranier, Cleveland, Ohio; a nephew, Douglas Linton, Scarsdale, New York. Many other relatives survive.

Services will be at the Hodgen Funeral Home, Greenfield, and the body will be buried in Greenfield.

MRS. ELLENA P. WASHER
Mrs. Ellena Putnam Washer, 74, died Tuesday in Elliot Community Hospital, Keene, N.H. Funeral services will be in Kidders' funeral home, Thursday at 2 p.m., and burial in Northfield cemetery. Rev. Mary Connors and Rev. Hazel Gredler will officiate.

Mrs. Putnam leaves a daughter, Mrs. Carlton B. Clark of Keene, N.H.; a son, Harold F. Washer of Greenfield; and two sisters, Mrs. G. N. Kidden and Mrs. Beasie George, both of this town, and several grandchildren.

In The Churches

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
Sunday, June 6

9:00 a. m. Junior Choir rehearsal.
10:00 a. m. Church School and Young People's Forum.

11:10 a. m. Public worship. Rev. Robert Fairbank will speak. His subject, "The Church in New India." Young people at the hotel representing eight European countries will attend the service. Nursery for pre-school age children.

Sunday, June 13,
Baccalaureate service of the Northfield High School.

Sunday, June 20,
Children's Day Service.
Wednesday, June 23,
The Young People will present a three act play in the Town Hall. Title, "Spring in Here."

UNITARIAN CHURCH
Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler, Minister

Children's Sunday
There will be no further sessions of Sunday School until September. All pupils will gather at the Church at 10:45 for the regular 11 o'clock service. All parents and friends are cordially invited. Mrs. Gredler will be assisted by Mrs. Carroll Miller, superintendent of the Sunday School, and the teachers. Certificates of accomplishment as well as other awards will be given, and a plant to each pupil. Mrs. Gredler will tell a story of "The Boy Who Had Never Heard Of God", and there will be a christening service.

The American Unitarian Youth Group will meet for supper, at 5:30 at the parsonage, Sunday evening. This will close the meetings until September.

The 1948 Young People's Conference will be held at Rowe, Mass., from June 25 to July 18. Two of the young people from our own local church will attend for a week.

There will be a meeting of the Parish Committee on Monday night at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Thomas Parker.

On June 10, the Northfield Women's Alliance will entertain a group of neighborhood Alliances from Bernardston, Warwick, Greenfield and the Northfield Evening Alliance, at the church. Mrs. Nelson Carter, the district director, will speak of Alliance work and bring messages from the Boston May meetings.

On June 12, the Unitarian pulpit will be occupied by a visiting minister.

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Town Topics

The Board of Selectmen, according to Chairman Ernest A. Parker, has placed additional insurance on the two school buildings, the town hall and the library. The insurance has been placed with the Colton Insurance Agency and the Roy J. Fish Agency. This additional insurance was approved at the last town meeting.

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